

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Claims 1, 25, 31 are allowable. The restriction requirement between species has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Claims 2, 4, 14-16, 28-30, 33 and 34 are no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claim(s) requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Examiner's Amendment

Please correct the first sentence at the top of page 3 to read:

4. (Withdrawn) The laser of claim 1, further including at least one photonic device coupled to said output of said laser cavity.

Please rejoin claims 2, 4, 14-16, 28-30, 33 and 34.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 14-16, 25, 28-34 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not disclose or suggests to combine a laser composed of a plurality of legs wherein one of the legs has two gaps etched through it. This limitation in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim is novel.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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